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        UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ) File No. 11-CR-188
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                                            Saint Paul, Minnesota
        VS.
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                                            May 11, 2011
        Joaquin Romero Rosas,
                                            2:33 p.m.
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                Defendant.
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                                         ) RECORDING TRANSCRIPT
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                  BEFORE THE HONORABLE JEANNE J. GRAHAM
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              UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MAGISTRATE JUDGE
                    (PRELIMINARY AND DETENTION HEARING)
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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	IN OPEN COURT
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4	THE COURT: We're here today in the matter of the
5	United States versus Joaquin Romero Rosas. We're here today
6	for a preliminary hearing as well as a detention hearing.
7	May I have appearances, please.
8	MR. DOCHERTY: Good afternoon, your Honor. John
9	Docherty for the Government. Also at counsel table is
10	Special Agent Dale Ouse, O-U-S-E, from US Homeland Security
11	Investigations.
12	THE COURT: Thank you.
13	MS. DURHAM: Good afternoon, your Honor. Caroline
14	Durham on behalf of Mr. Rosas Romero. He is present as
15	well.
16	THE COURT: All right. Good afternoon. All
17	right. Are you ready to proceed with the hearings?
18	MR. DOCHERTY: I am, your Honor. The United
19	States calls Dale Ouse.
20	THE COURT: Please come on up.
21	(Witness Ouse sworn by the Court)
22	AGENT OUSE: I do.
23	THE COURT: Please have a seat. Once again can
24	you state your name.
25	THE WITNESS: Dale Ouse.

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                 THE COURT: And how do you spell Ouse?
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                 THE WITNESS: It's spelled O-U-S-E.
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                 THE COURT: Thank you.
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                 Go ahead, counsel.
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                          DIRECT EXAMINATION
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       BY MR. DOCHERTY:
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       Q. Mr. Ouse, could you please tell the Court what it is
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       that you do for a living and how long you have been doing
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       it?
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       A. I'm a criminal investigator for Homeland Security
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       Investigations, and I have been doing it since July of 2009.
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       Q. And before that were you also employed in law
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       enforcement?
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       A. Yes, sir, I was a Federal Air Marshal for the Federal
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       Air Marshal Service back from 2009 to 2002. And before that
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       I was a Federal Border Patrol Agent for two years, and
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       before that I was a police officer in the City of Grand
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       Forks, North Dakota.
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           And have you been in law enforcement since about 1996?
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       Α.
          Yes, sir.
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       Q. All right. Have you been involved in an investigation,
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       Agent Ouse, into allegations that the Defendant here today,
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       Joaquin Romero Rosas, illegally possessed a firearm?
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           Yes.
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           Can you describe to the Court briefly your role in that
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investigation?

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- 2 A. My role in that investigation was determining that
- 3 Mr. Romero Rosas, his immigration status, and then
- 4 presenting the courts, the crime hearing in Federal Court.
- 5 Q. All right. You mentioned the Defendant's immigration
- 6 status in your last answer. Have you checked the
- 7 Defendant's immigration status as of the 8th of May of 2011?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Can you tell the Court how you went about checking his
- 10 immigration status and what results you obtained, please?
- 11 A. I checked the immigration status in two different
- 12 databases. The first is called the Central Index, the
- 13 | Central Index System, CIS; and this is commonly where all of
- 14 the immigration records are kept that the Federal Government
- uses. I also checked in a database called the EARM,
- 16 E-A-R-M. I'm not sure what the acronym stands for, but the
- detention and removal office of Immigration and Customs
- 18 | Enforcement tracks all of their immigration courts court
- 19 cases within this database.
- 20 Q. And was the CIS database, the first one you mentioned,
- 21 | is that one that is relied upon by law enforcement officers
- in performing their duties?
- 23 A. Yes, it is.
- 24 Q. And in your time as an immigration investigator, have
- you had occasion to use this database?

- 1 A. Yes, I have.
- 2 Q. Have you found the database to be accurate and reliable?
- 3 A. Yes, I have.
- 4 Q. All right. What results did you obtain when you queried
- 5 the CIS database for Mr. Romero Rosas's immigration status
- on May the 8th, 2011?
- 7 A. It listed him as EWI, which stands for entry without
- 8 inspection, which means that he's inside of the United
- 9 States without inspection, which is illegal.
- 10 Q. And when you queried the EARM database for the same
- information, what results did you obtain then?
- 12 A. I learned that he is currently in removal proceedings to
- 13 remove him from the United States. He is -- his court case
- has been continued and his next court date is on -- it's in
- 15 December of 2011.
- 16 Q. I want to direct your attention now to Saturday the 8th
- of May of 2011. Did you have occasion as part of your job
- 18 to be in the area of Lake Street and 4th Avenue South in the
- 19 City of Minneapolis that day?
- 20 A. Yes, I did.
- 21 Q. And was that in connection with a Cinco de Mayo festival
- 22 that was being held in that area?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- 24 Q. Had you received informant information prior to going to
- 25 that area that something was going to perhaps occur there

- 1 that caught your attention as a law enforcement officer?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 | Q. Can you describe to the Court, without naming or
- 4 identifying the informant, the contents of the tip that was
- 5 received?
- 6 A. The information received was that a Surenos gang member
- 7 named Porky commonly carries a gun and he commonly has it in
- 8 the passenger compartment of his vehicle. The license plate
- 9 was given of the vehicle of Minnesota tag MWA 706. We were
- able to run that license tag in a database which informed us
- 11 that it was a dark green Pontiac Grand Am.
- 12 Q. Were you able to do any checking on the nickname Porky?
- 13 A. Yes, we were able to run the name Porky through a gang
- 14 database and it identified Joaquin Romero Rosas as using the
- 15 name Porky.
- 16 Q. Did you then proceed, as you mentioned before, to the
- 17 | area of Lake Street and 4th Avenue?
- 18 A. Yes, I did.
- 19 Q. Did you meet with Minneapolis police officers at that
- 20 time?
- 21 A. Yes, I did.
- 22 Q. And did you convey to those police officers the gist of
- 23 | what you just told to the Court?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Later on that day were you informed by the Minneapolis

- 1 police that a traffic stop had been made and an arrest had
- 2 been made?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And did you go to the scene of the arrest?
- 5 A. Yes, I did.
- 6 Q. All right. Have you spoken with Minneapolis police
- 7 officers from the Gang Unit concerning the events of May the
- 8 8th, 2011?
- 9 A. Yes, I have.
- 10 Q. All right. At that time was a car with the license
- 11 plate that the informant had given found?
- MS. DURHAM: Your Honor, I'm going to object to
- 13 the continued leading questions.
- 14 THE COURT: Let's try to rephrase. Sustained.
- 15 BY MR. DOCHERTY:
- 16 Q. Had the Minneapolis Police Department stopped a car?
- 17 A. Yes, they had.
- 18 Q. All right. And what correspondence, if any, was there
- 19 between the license plate on that car and the license plate
- 20 that the informant had given you?
- 21 A. It was the same license plate the informant had given.
- 22 Q. All right. Was the car searched?
- 23 A. Yes, it was.
- 24 | Q. What was found in the car?
- 25 A. A small amount of marijuana and a pistol was found

- 1 behind the stereo.
- Q. Can you go into that in a little more detail? How was
- 3 the -- could the pistol be seen if the stereo was in place?
- 4 A. No. The stereo was located where a stereo is commonly
- 5 located in a vehicle in the center dash area and if you --
- 6 it was an after-market stereo. If you pulled the stereo
- 7 out, it came out of the dash and there was a compartment
- 8 behind the stereo and the pistol was located behind the
- 9 compartment.
- 10 Q. What type of pistol was this?
- 11 A. It was a Cobra 380 semiautomatic pistol.
- 12 Q. Later on did the Minneapolis police tell you about any
- 13 statements that the Defendant had made at the scene of the
- 14 traffic stop?
- 15 A. Yes, they did.
- 16 Q. Could you describe that to the Court, please.
- 17 A. One of the officers was filling out some booking
- 18 information inside of the squad car and Mr. Romero Rosas
- asked him what he was being arrested for and the officer
- 20 told him for a weapons charge. And Mr. Romero Rosas said,
- 21 "I have that gun for protection."
- 22 Q. Later on was Mr. Romero Rosas taken to the Third
- 23 | Precinct in Minneapolis?
- 24 A. Yes, he was.
- 25 O. Was he interviewed there?

A. Yes, he was.

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- 2 Q. During that interview did he make statements concerning
- 3 the ownership of that firearm?
- 4 A. Yes, he did.
- 5 Q. Can you summarize for the Court what he said?
- 6 A. He was able to say -- to describe the person that he had
- 7 purchased the weapon from. He said that he bought it about
- 8 a month and a half ago and he had paid \$180 for the firearm.
- 9 Q. Going back to the scene of the traffic stop, did you and
- 10 Mr. Romero Rosas have any conversations concerning his
- 11 immigration status?
- 12 A. Yes, we did.
- 13 Q. Can you summarize those for the Court, please?
- 14 A. I can. I asked Mr. Romero Rosas if he had any documents
- allowing him to remain in the United States legally. He
- 16 stated he did not. I asked him if he was in the United
- 17 States illegally and he said that he was.
- 18 Q. And then following, Agent Ouse, did you later place a
- 19 telephone call to Cobra Firearms?
- 20 A. Yes, I did.
- 21 Q. What was the purpose of making that telephone call?
- 22 A. To determine where they manufactured their firearms.
- 23 Q. And what did Cobra Firearms tell you about whether they
- had a manufacturer in the State of Minnesota?
- 25 A. They said that they did not now, nor had they ever in

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       the past, had a manufacturing plant or any offices in the
       State of Minnesota.
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                 MR. DOCHERTY: Thank you, Agent.
                 Your Honor, that's all the questions I have.
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                 THE COURT: Cross-exam?
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                 MS. DURHAM: Yes, your Honor.
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                          CROSS-EXAMINATION
       BY MS. DURHAM:
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           Agent, who received the information from this informant?
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          I did.
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       Q. And how did you come to get the information?
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                 MR. DOCHERTY: Your Honor, objection to any
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       questions tending to show the identity of the informant.
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       It's not relevant for today's purpose.
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                 MS. DURHAM: I'm not asking for the identity at
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       this point, your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: You may answer as you can without
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       re -- discussing anything that would identify. So sustained
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       as to anything other than that. Go ahead.
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                 THE WITNESS: I spoke with a person.
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       BY MS. DURHAM:
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           The informant has your phone number?
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       A. Correct.
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       Q. Called you out of the blue?
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                 MR. DOCHERTY: Your Honor, same objection.
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                 THE COURT: That will be sustained on that.
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       BY MS. DURHAM:
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       Q. You in your affidavit state that this is a confidential
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       reliable informant. Does this individual have open cases,
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       pending cases at this time?
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                 MR. DOCHERTY: Objection. Same objection.
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                 MS. DURHAM: Goes to the reliability of the
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       information provided and bias in the information given.
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                 THE COURT: Actually I'm not quite sure what
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       you're asking. What are you asking?
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                 MS. DURHAM: Does he currently have an open case.
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       Are they working off a case at this time and that's why they
       are an informant.
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                 THE COURT: I'm going to sustain that objection.
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       I think there are other ways you can ask to try to get to
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       the reliability.
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       BY MS. DURHAM:
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       Q. This is an individual that's currently working for you,
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       yes?
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       A. Correct.
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       Q. Working off a criminal case?
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       A. No.
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       Q. Attempting to remain in the country by assisting you,
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       Immigration, yes?
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                 MR. DOCHERTY: Same objection, your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: That one I'm going to allow.
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       you say?
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                 MS. DURHAM: He didn't answer.
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                 THE WITNESS: I didn't answer.
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                 THE COURT: I'll allow that.
                 THE WITNESS: You will allow it?
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                 MS. DURHAM: Yes.
                 THE WITNESS: I didn't hear. It is an
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       administrative immigration case.
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       BY MS. DURHAM:
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       Q. What does that mean? Explain that to the Court.
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           It means the person is currently in the United States
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       illegally.
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       Q. And?
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           And is applying for status to remain in the United
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       States legally.
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           By being a cooperator for law enforcement?
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       A. Correct.
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           Okay. On how many occasions has this individual
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       provided you with reliable information?
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       A. I can't give that number off the top of my head.
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       Numerous occasions.
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      Q. More than three?
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       A. Yes.
       Q. More than ten?
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A. Around ten.

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- 2 Q. How long have you worked with the individual?
- 3 A. I'd say about nine months.
- 4 Q. Okay. In your affidavit you say that the person
- 5 indicated that somebody named Porky might have a gun. What
- 6 does "indicated" mean?
- 7 A. It means they gave the information.
- 8 Q. What specifically were you told?
- 9 A. That a gang member for Southside Parqueros Surenos may
- 10 possibly be carrying a gun.
- 11 Q. And is this individual that's giving you that
- information also a gang member?
- 13 MR. DOCHERTY: Objection, your Honor. That goes
- 14 to the identity of the informant.
- 15 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 16 BY MS. DURHAM:
- 17 Q. So who accessed information in the gang database? Did
- 18 you do that or another officer?
- 19 A. No, I don't have access to it. Another officer does.
- 20 Q. Okay. So what information is placed in the gang
- 21 database?
- 22 A. I'm not sure entirely what information is in there. I
- 23 know that names, identifying information, and then
- 24 associated police reports.
- 25 Q. Photographs, anything like that available?

- 1 A. Occasionally, yes.
- 2 Q. Was a photograph generated in this case?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And was it generated prior to the vehicle stop?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Who was it shared with?
- 7 A. I'm not sure. Minneapolis Police Department had that
- 8 information. I know I got a copy of it.
- 9 Q. And when did you receive a copy of it?
- 10 A. I received a copy of it, I guess it was, several days
- 11 prior.
- 12 Q. Prior to May 8th?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. So Mr. Romero Rosas was already a target for you then?
- 15 A. We routinely try to identify gang members who are
- 16 currently active and just try to determine where they are
- just in terms of possibly tracking crime or setting them up
- 18 | for interviews if we can do field interviews, things like
- 19 that. We didn't know this information until just prior.
- 20 Q. But you just said that the information was placed in the
- 21 gang database some days before May 8th.
- 22 A. No, the database isn't for -- you don't put information
- 23 like that into the database. The database is solely
- 24 | controlled by the Minneapolis Police Department.
- 25 Q. So when did you get the information that a Porky would

- 1 be at Cinco de Mayo?
- 2 A. I believe it was on the 7th, the day before the Cinco de
- 3 Mayo festival.
- 4 Q. The information that was put into the gang database,
- 5 when was that placed into the gang database?
- 6 A. I don't know.
- 7 Q. You don't know if it was on the 7th or on the 8th or
- 8 some other time?
- 9 A. I don't know.
- 10 Q. Okay. So you don't know if that information was had on
- 11 May 8th when the vehicle was pulled over?
- 12 A. Which information?
- 13 Q. From the gang database.
- 14 A. The gang database just identifies who Porky is and the
- 15 associated police reports.
- 16 Q. Okay. How many other Porkies are in the gang database?
- 17 A. I have no idea.
- 18 Q. Okay. No reason to know that there aren't more Porkies
- 19 than just one?
- 20 A. I don't know. It's possible.
- 21 | O. True?
- 22 A. I don't know.
- 23 Q. So the information is given on May 7th to you?
- 24 A. Correct.
- Q. And you pass it to other law enforcement agencies on May

- 1 7th?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. What are the steps that are then taken regarding that
- 4 information?
- 5 A. I guess I'm not sure. I just pass it onto the
- 6 supervisor of the Gang Enforcement Team.
- 7 Q. Okay. Were you present when the vehicle was stopped?
- 8 A. No, I wasn't.
- 9 Q. But you appeared at some point after the vehicle was
- 10 stopped?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. Why?
- 13 A. I was in the area.
- 14 Q. Why were you in the area?
- 15 A. I was working a detail on the Cinco de Mayo festival.
- 16 There was a lot of gang violence last year and we were
- 17 | trying to stop some of the gang violence this year. So
- 18 there were more officers and agents out working to see if we
- can lower the level of volume or lower the level of
- 20 violence.
- 21 Q. The information about the vehicle, you said that you ran
- 22 the tabs to get a description of the vehicle. That was done
- 23 on May 7th?
- 24 A. No, that was determined on May 8th.
- Q. Okay. By whom?

- 1 A. That was passed onto me.
- 2 Q. Okay. Passed onto you from?
- 3 A. From the informant.
- 4 Q. Okay. There ends up being a vehicle stop, though, on
- 5 information you got May 7th?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. How does that vehicle stop happen? Why is that vehicle
- 8 stopped?
- 9 A. I was told it was because of a traffic violation.
- 10 Q. Which would be what type of traffic violation?
- 11 A. I believe I read in the police report that the subject
- 12 was at an intersection and signalled one direction and
- turned the opposite direction.
- 14 Q. Other than Porky may have a gun at Cinco de Mayo, did
- 15 | the informant give you any other -- and the plate of a
- 16 vehicle, any other information the informant gave you about
- 17 | this Porky that was going to have a gun?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Not where to look for the gun?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 | Q. Okay. Any idea why they would pull a radio out of a
- 22 dashboard?
- 23 A. Commonly gang members will find places to hide firearms
- 24 | so that law enforcement doesn't find them. That's not the
- 25 | first vehicle that we've heard where they keep weapons

- 1 behind the -- the dashboard.
- 2 Q. Okay. Who is the car registered to?
- 3 A. I'm not sure.
- 4 Q. So February 2nd, 2009, Mr. Romero Rosas received
- 5 information from immigration court that he had a court
- 6 appearance?
- 7 A. I believe that's correct.
- 8 Q. Well, that's what you testified to.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 | Q. Okay. So is that in fact true?
- 11 A. I'm just testifying off of the reports that are produced
- 12 by the database.
- 13 Q. Right. So your understanding from the database, what
- 14 you have testified to is reliable?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. He had an appearance on February 2nd, 2009. A
- 17 | continuance of that appearance happened. That's fairly
- 18 routine in immigration court. Immigration hearings get
- 19 | continued, true?
- 20 A. I'm not sure. I don't routinely deal with immigration
- 21 court.
- 22 | Q. But in any event, he had been on release and has a court
- 23 date in December of this year?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 | Q. And when immigration -- immigration court has the same

- 1 information or access to the same law enforcement
- 2 information about a person's criminal history and that sort
- 3 of thing, true?
- 4 A. I'm not sure what they have access to.
- 5 Q. But you've not had any experience with immigration
- 6 court?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. All right. Well, you're aware at the time that you got
- 9 the information regarding when you -- are you aware of the
- 10 fact that Mr. Romero Rosas has been in the United States for
- 11 several years? Are you aware of that fact?
- 12 A. Am I aware that he's been in the US for several years?
- 13 Q. Yes.
- 14 A. That's what he indicates, yes.
- 15 Q. And does the immigration records that you reviewed not
- 16 state that?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. And that he has family members here in the United
- 19 States?
- 20 A. I believe I read a report that said his father was here,
- 21 yes.
- 22 Q. And you met his girlfriend, true?
- 23 A. Correct.
- Q. Pregnant?
- 25 A. Correct.

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          Visibly so?
       Q.
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       A. Yes.
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       Q. You're aware of the fact that they have been together
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       for at least two or three years?
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           That's what he says.
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          No information you have to dispute that, though?
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       A. No.
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       Q. And she lives here in Minnesota actually in the Twin
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       Cities, right?
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           That's what she says, yes.
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           Okay. You have no information to dispute that, correct?
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       A. No.
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                 MS. DURHAM: Thank you. Nothing further, your
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       Honor.
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                 THE COURT: Okay. Redirect?
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                 MR. DOCHERTY: No, your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: You're excused.
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                 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
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                 THE COURT: Any witnesses?
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                 MR. DOCHERTY: No further witnesses, your Honor.
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       The Government rests.
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                 MS. DURHAM: The defense rests, your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: All right. Argument on probable cause
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                 MR. DOCHERTY: I would submit probable cause on
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       the record developed at the hearing here today, your Honor,
       unless the Court has questions, in which case I would be
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       happy to answer those.
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                 THE COURT: Okay.
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                              I would stand on the record with
                 MS. DURHAM:
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       regard to the probable cause, your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: All right. Well, my job at this point
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       is to try to determine if there's at least probable cause to
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       move the case forward. In other words, is there sufficient
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       evidence to make it fair for this case to move forward.
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       find that there is probable cause for the crime that's
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       charged against Mr. Romero Rosas and so I will bind him over
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       to Federal Court for further proceedings. That's just a
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       very long way of saying that the Court will -- the case will
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       continue and there are certain next steps that will happen
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       and your attorney will let you know what those steps are.
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       The case will continue here in Federal Court.
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                 All right. Now we have a motion on detention.
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       Any witnesses on detention other than some of the questions
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       that were asked?
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                 MR. DOCHERTY: No witnesses on detention, your
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       Honor.
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                 THE COURT: Okay.
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                 MR. DOCHERTY: I believe that that topic was woven
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       into both the direct and the cross-examination of Special
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Agent Ouse. The Government continues to seek detention of the Defendant. I believe that the record establishes here today that there is at least probable cause to believe that the Defendant is a gang member who was in possession of a 380 semiautomatic that was secreted within the motor vehicle that he was driving. In addition, there is information concerning the Defendant's criminal history in the bond record. And finally, the Defendant is illegally present in the United States.

For all of those reasons, your Honor, the nature of the offense, the facts of the offense, the Defendant's immigration status -- and I should mention the fact that the Defendant is currently under a detainer from Immigration and Customs Enforcement -- for all of those reasons, your Honor, the Government submits that there is no condition or combination of conditions that would assure the Defendant's appearance in court and would protect the community. For that reason we seek detention.

THE COURT: All right.

Ms. Durham.

MS. DURHAM: Thank you, Judge.

Mr. Romero Rosas is before you as an 18-year-old man with a girlfriend of three years who will have a baby in just a month or two. She's in the courtroom with her parents and his father has come as well. He has resided in

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this country for several years. He has resided and stood by his girlfriend's side, which we don't always see that often with young men in his circumstance.

The question is whether he is A, a flight risk. I would submit that he's not. He has shown that not only to the immigration court where there has been a pending matter and him allowed to be on release for two years, February of 2009 until now -- more than two years.

Additionally, his criminal history is such that with one exception it is minor and he has made court appearances for each of those. No warrants ever issued. And with the exception of a driving offense that happened this past December, he's had no run-ins with the law since 2009, and that's significant as well.

He was honest in this pretrial report. He talked about the fact that he has smoked marijuana. There was a personal use that was found in the vehicle. Treatment, Rule 25, can address that concern. So A, he is not a flight risk because he has ties to this community. He has significant reasons to stay and significant reasons to appear.

This is not a presumption case. It is a ten-year max. And depending on where he falls in the offense level conduct, his sentence guidelines range with acceptance would be anywhere between six months and 24 months depending on which of the levels the Government and probation and I would

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assert he applies to. So it's not a significant amount of time.

Is he a danger to the community? There's no indication that that gun was accessible. There's no indication that he had any intent to use it on that day. You have an individual who lets law enforcement know that a gun is there so that they can stay in this country. But there's nothing to say that Mr. Romero Rosas has a violent past. There's nothing to say that he has any intent to use that, and he certainly did not have access to it at the time that he was driving the vehicle.

I would ask your Honor that you place him on conditions and if his whereabouts is a concern, he would certainly concede to wearing a GPS system as -- and the ones that our probation office has are very particular. They can locate on the screen and know exactly where you are. So we're asking that you place him on conditional release and allow him to return to his job which he has had, return to his family, and take the role of being a father that he wants to do and will have to do no matter what the determination of this Court is.

THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. I'm looking at the factors that I have to look at. I find that the Government has met its burden as far as detention. I don't see that there is a condition or a combination of conditions that

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will assure his appearance or the safety of the community and I find that based on the situation that he's in in terms of being here illegally; and now there's a detainer on him, which is different than what the situation was before.

He's young. He's a young man but he's got a serious criminal history that -- and I can't ignore the supplemental information that we have, as well, which points to a serious situation of someone who has apparently, at least in the past and maybe even recently, been involved in a gang situation enough where he has a gun charge from when he was 16 and then he was shot at another celebration, and then this celebration he's got a gun in the car.

And based on all of that, I don't find that there is a condition or combination of conditions that will assure — that portion that I just described is more about the safety of the community. So I find that detention is appropriate. I'll ask for a proposed detention order. And that means, Mr. Romero Rosas, that you will be in federal custody here while the case goes through the system. Your attorney will tell you what options you have and including challenging my order that I just did, or finding out what's going to happen next as far as possibly a grand jury or etcetera.

I acknowledge the family support by acknowledging he previously worked with his particular status and

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       detainer. I don't think that would be following as far as
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       working. That was just another thing I was going to say
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       before. But I acknowledge the family support. I still
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       don't think that that changes the situation as far as safety
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       of the community. So that's my ruling. I'll ask for a
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       proposed order.
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                 Is there anything else on behalf of the United
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                 MR. DOCHERTY: No, your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: Anything else on behalf of Mr. Romero
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       Rosas?
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                 MS. DURHAM: No, your Honor. Thank you.
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                 THE COURT: We'll be in recess.
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